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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INCIRLIK AIR BASE TO USAF THIRD COUNTRY FLIGHTS

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- 1. DEPARTMENT AGREES TGS CLOSURE OF INCIRLIK TO USAF THIRD COUNTRY FLIGHTS IS DETRIMENTAL AND THAT DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE TO MFA ALONG LINES OF REFTEL A.
- 2. DESPITE RAMIFICATIONS ON US PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND CENTO RELATED ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THIS CLOSURE, BECAUSE FLIGHTS NOW TRANSITING INCIRLIK ARE USED PRIMARILY FOR US SUPPORT PURPOSES, DEPARTMENT DOUBTS THAT OUR LEVERAGE IS SUFFICIENT TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE OF IRAN OR SAUDI ARABIA IN PERSUADING TURKS TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION. THESE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AND MAY TACITLY SUPPORT TURKISH POSITION.
- 3. SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF FRESH PRODUCE ARE PRCHASED LOCALLY IN TURKEY, STORED IN FACILITIES ONLY AVAILABLE AT INCIRLIK, AND THEN TRANSPORTED ON USAF THIRD COUNRY FLIGHTS TURKIS; FARMERS LOSS OF INCOME OR LOSS OF JOBS

TO TURKISH EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SERVICING OF FLIGHTS AND LOGISTICS WOULD PROBABLY NOT CARRY MUCH WEIGHT WITH TURKS, BUT MIGHT BE WORTH MENTIONING. ROBINSON

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